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Y.A.A. MEET

Thirty churches in Northern California have groups which are members of the Young Adult Association of the Conference. The officers of the Association have visited various individual organizations, to promote good fellowship and to assist in activities.

Representatives of these organizations recently convened at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, for their second annual mid-winter Conference. Three factors helped to make this conference a most interesting one: two excellent speakers—Mr. Paul Pheutze of the Pacific School of Religion and Mr. Arthur Casaday, Director of Plymouth House, Berkeley; the opportunity to renew acquaintances made at Zephyr Point and at cabinet meetings; and the election of officers for the year 1940.

By unanimous choice, Mr. Raymond Foote of the host church was re-elected to the presidency. His staff includes Mr. Sam Dugan, Vice-President (First Congregational Church, Antioch); Miss Muriel Bullard. Recording Secretary (First Congregational Church, San Jose); Mr. Bradley Sonderman, Treasurer (Congregational-Methodist Temple, San Francisco); and Miss Marian Mills, Corresponding Secretary (First Congregational Church, Oakland.) The new officers took over the responsibility of their respective offices at an impressive Installation Service which concluded the day's activities. At the same time, the official representatives of the various groups renewed their pledge to the Association. It was decided by those present that the Installation Service would be a regular part of the Young Adult Association program.

HOLD THE FORT

1939 seems to have been a year of just about holding our own in Northern California. Total figures show some losses. After turning up last year, Sunday School enrollment is again on the decline, with a total membership of 11,556. The membership of young people's organizations totals 4,523 against 4,815 a year ago. The total membership of our 98 churches has declined 126, but is still above the 20,000 mark.

On the other hand, there have been very marked gains. The number received on confession of faith was larger by 109, and the total number received was increased 217 over 1938. The reason for the total loss is in the large number removed by the revision of the rolls. A total of 909 members were taken off the rolls by five churches. But for this extraordinary revision, we would have been far ahead. In real strength we have gained.

Leading the list in numbers received is San Francisco First, with 204, and second in line is Sacramento Pioneer, with 175 San Mateo received 78, Oakland First 64, and Berkeley First 53. Twenty-two churches did not receive any members, but this includes some that are inactive or that did not report.

Six churches received legacies during the year, ranging from $50 to $1500. There are 132 ordained Congregational ministers who have standing with the Conference. Contributions for home expense are less, but that is probably due to the fact that in the Year Book expenditures for new improvements have, for the first time, been separated from regular current funds.

General Council

Plans for the General Council are going forward. Rev. Vere V. Loper has been asked by the Berkeley First Church to be general chairman of arrangements. Chairmen of various sub-committees have been selected and are at work. Superintendent Gill has been asked to take charge of public relations, which will include advance publicity, the placing of speakers before other organizations and churches, and possibly arrangements for a special day at the Exposition.

Local financing will be cared for in the main by $2.00 contributions from Congregationalists in Northern California. Those who subscribe $2.00 or more will be given free registration. Quotas will be assigned to the churches in much the same way as is done for the regular meetings of the State Conference. This will make possible a mileage pool to help the attendance of both pastors and lay people, and will cover a large part of incidental expenses.

Rev. Frederick L. Fagley will make a preliminary visit to meet with local committees the last three days of March.

Selections made by Rev. Noel J. Breed

BLESSING BEFORE MEALS

For food and home and health and friends we thank Thee, Heavenly Father.—Amen.

MORNING PRAYER FOR FAMILY

Our Father, we thank Thee for Thy love and care and for all things good and beautiful. We thank you, too, for the difficulties and trials of life, which make us realize our need of Thee. Guard and direct us in all our ways this day, and whatever comes to us may we live mindful of Thy Fatherly love, bearing with honor the name of Jesus Christ, our master. Open our eyes and our hearts to human need and grant that some life may be happier and some good cause may be stronger because we live today.—Amen.

PILGRIMS IN CALIFORNIA

"The Pilgrims in California," is the title chosen by Rev. W. W. Ferrier for the new history of Congregationalism which was announced in THE PACIFIC last month. Delivery of finished copies is expected in June. The book will contain 125,000 words, or more than 300 pages. Its scope has been extended, and the history of Congregationalism in California will be related for the full ninety years of its existence. A final chapter will list all of the churches ever organized, with the names of all ministers giving service, and the dates of their pastorates. The price will be $2.75 per copy, delivered to those subscribing before April 1. Orders should be sent to J. N. Pierce, Chairman of the Sponsors' Committee, 432 Mason Street, San Francisco.

Concerning the book, Rev. Raymond C. Brooks has written: "It was my privilege to listen recently to the reading of a large part of the manuscript of this proposed book. It represents an immense amount of research with which ministers and laymen in all of our churches should become acquainted. It is presented in fascinating style, but always with careful judgment, and with fine pains to give a vivid and just appraisal of the persons who have had to do with the development of Congregationalism in California."

FAGLEY COMING

Advantage is being taken of the visit of Secretary Frederick L. Fagley of New York, who is coming for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the General Council, to use him for two one-day conferences on "The minister and his evangelistic message for our own day." Dr. Fagley has been rendering one of the most valuable services in our fellowship by providing printed material of a very high order and by holding ministers' conferences throughout the country. Superintendents of states he has visited are unanimous in testifying to the appreciation which ministers feel for these gatherings.

It is a source of real regret that we cannot have him for four or five days in order that every area within our Conference might be reached, but two days are better than none. One of these conferences, that on April 1, will be held at the Sunnyvale Congregational Church. All ministers of the Santa Clara Association and others within easy driving distance are invited to attend, but should notify Rev. J. K. Ballou by postal in order that luncheon arrangements can be made.

The other will be held at First Church, Berkeley, on Tuesday, April 2, and will be for Bay Association ministers and others who find it possible to come. Both meetings will begin at 10 in the morning and continue until about 3:30.

LAYMEN

Yes, it was storming, and raining cats and dogs, but that did not keep the laymen at home. They came, 117 of them, from 33 churches for the full day session of the Laymen's Conference at Pacific School of Religion on Sunday, February 25, exceeding the fondest expectations of the Laymen's Commission and of the Conference staff both in numbers and in quality of personnel. These lay leaders in our churches spent the day together that they might do the work in the local churches more intelligently and devotedly.

Mr. C. T. Tinker presided and gave a very helpful message on laymen's work. President Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr., gave the opening address, pointing out that churchmen have far greater values in the church than Nazis and Communists and other groups can possibly have in their movements. Field Secretary Sherman laid on the hearts of men their responsibility for the religious education of our youth. Superintendent Gill challenged the churches with the Program of Progress.

More than half of those in attendance, under the leadership of Mr. George B. Martin and Professor Robert E. Stone, considered the problems of trustees and treasurers. Thirty or more gave themselves to the consideration of the work of deacons. More than twenty came to grips with better methods in religious education. Rev. Vere V. Loper gave a fitting close to the day by pointing out that in our highest and best moments we are the church. One had the feeling in looking over the crowd assembled, that we have a constituency of exceedingly able men.

The facilities of the Pacific School of Religion were all that could be desired and the cooperation of the officials of the school was much appreciated.

58 Speeches in 25 Days in 27 Churches

They say that missionaries have one year in seven for rest. If Lloyd Lorbeer keeps up the pace for his year of "rest" that he followed in Northern California, he will have to go back to India to recuperate. In 25 days in the Northern California Conference he gave 58 addresses, besides putting in three days at the Pastoral Conference with only one address. The total attendance at these 58 gatherings was about 7600 persons. Not only did he reach churches and groups within churches, but high school assemblies, luncheon clubs, college groups, and a Chamber of Commerce. In addition to his addresses, he answered questions. From every church has come word congratulating the Congregational denomination upon having such a representative.

In his report, Mr. Lorbeer said that the ministers and their wives were wonderfully good to him, and that he was delighted to be among people who take the spirit rather than the letter of the law, and who encourage one to speak in broadest terms, who are ready to face the difficulties as well as the successes of the work. He was delighted to see the growing, fruit-bearing work in northern California, and to learn that in almost every church visited benevolences are on the increase.

SURVEY IN COLLEGES

Northern California is to have a brief visit by Rev. Henry David Gray, young people's secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the Board of Home Missions. Dr. Gray is the successor to Rev. Harry T. Stock. He will visit California on two missions, first, to complete arrangements for the national Pilgrim Fellowship Council meeting to be held at Mills College, coincident with the meeting of the General Council in Berkeley. He will also visit several college campuses and Congregational pastors near those campuses, making a survey of religious work among college students.

He will be a speaker at the Bay Association meeting in Alameda and will be guest at meetings of the Conference Committees on Young People's Work, Religious Education, and Religion in Higher Education.

"Friends of P.S.R."

At a most impressive and colorful ceremony, Rev. Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr., was inaugurated as the fourth president of the Pacific School of Religion on Monday evening, February 19. Delegates were in attendance representing ecclesiastical organizations, colleges, theological seminaries, and other organizations. The prayer of inauguration was offered by President McGiffert's father-in-law, Rev. S. A. Eliot of Boston.

President McGiffert gave the inaugural address, suggesting goals toward which he felt that theological education should move. The plan has been announced by the Board of Trustees to enlist at least a thousand people to be called "Friends of the Pacific School of Religion." The membership involves the contributing of at least $10 per year. A layman in one church has already indicated that he will be responsible for the securing of a hundred such "Friends."

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PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Of the 64 young people who are actually members of Plymouth House, our Congregational project at the University of California, 30 are young people living at home and 34 away from home. Quite a number from away attend but are not members. There are eight young people living at home that are attending other schools and there are 23 in the group who are not in college but working. An effort is being made by the Northern and Southern California Conference offices to secure names of all Congregational young people attending institutions of higher education, for the benefit of pastors and churches near the institutions.

Honoring Dr. Shuder

The weekly news magazine of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, entitled *This World*, carried a two-page article about the California prison system, in which it contained the following paragraphs regarding our own Rev. H. A. Shuder:

"Perhaps the one bright spot in California's adult penal system is the educational department at San Quentin. Under the able direction of Dr. H. A. Shuder, the department has provided educational tasks for nearly 2000 voluntary convict students.

Dr. Shuder is well known throughout the United States as a ranking penologist. He is a psychologist, a student, and today he is sixth in line for a Federal wardenship. To Dr. Shuder, the greatest tragedy of the California prison system is the great emphasis on martial law while giving but little attenion to the direction of prisoners in their work and study.

At present, Dr. Shuder takes the I. Q. of every prisoner who enters San Quentin. After studying related material, he decides what potentialities and interest the man may have. Then he sends his report to the captain of the yard who is in charge of assigning men to jobs."

Calendar of Events

April 1—Ministers' Conference with Secretary Fagley, Sunnyvale, 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.
April 2—Ministers' conference with Secretary Fagley, Berkeley First Church, 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.
April 16—Sacramento Valley Association, Grass Valley
April 17—Central Association, Lodi.
April 19—San Joaquin Ass'n., Fowler.
April 23——Santa Clara Ass'n., Soquel.
April 24—Redwood Empire Association, Petaluma.
April 25—Upper Bay Association, Antioch
April 30—Bay Association, Alameda.
May 10—Pacific School of Religion commencement.
August 12-13—State Conference, Berkeley.
August 13-20—General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, Berkeley.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES
June 3-9—Modoc and Trinity County.
June 15-22—Central.
June 16-22—Loma Mar No. 1.
June 16-22—San Joaquin.
July 27-Aug. 3—Zephyr Point.
August 4-10—Lokoya.
August 25-31—Loma Mar No. 2.

UP AND DOWN

Some up and some down! The total a few dollars down is the story of the receipts from the churches from January 11 to the end of February, in comparison with 1939. Less than half the churches were heard from in the first two months of either year. One reason for the decline with some churches was failure to get their remittances into the office before the end of the month. As is well known, March is one of the critical months of the year because it is the last month of the Conference fiscal year. Will pastors and treasurers make remittances of all money accumulated during the last week of March without waiting for the last Sunday, or see that check is mailed Sunday afternoon, March 31, or Monday, April 1. We will hold our books open until Tuesday, April 2, but not one minute more.

Church	Jan. 11 to Feb. 29,'40	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28,'39
Angels Camp	$	$ 2.00
Berkeley, First	1,057.66	583.61
North	42.40	65.50
Cloverdale	3.04	22.41
Cotati	2.50	....
Eureka	76.56	89.36
Fresno, First	....	41.96
Pilgrim	70.00	50.00
Glen Ellen	....	10.00
Hayfork	10.00	....
Loomis	4.00	....
Martinez	38.64	22.10
Murphys	....	60.00
Oakland, First	....	416.66
Pilgrim	3.00	....
Plymouth	93.89	95.64
Oroville	....	13.65
Pacific Grove	16.40	19.98
Palo Alto	293.00	333.35
Paradise	50.00	50.00
Penngrove	2.50	....
Petaluma	....	5.00
Pittsburg	33.21	....
Ripon	26.53	8.73
Sacramento	44.19	20.00
San Carlos	31.44	25.62
San Francisco, Calvary	....	20.00
First	62.30	....
San Jose	105.00	120.00
San Leandro	8.01	....
San Mateo	....	49.37
Santa Cruz	50.00	75.00
Santa Rosa	34.80	13.20
Sebastopol	24.81	15.00
Sonoma	15.00	14.00
Stockton	37.07	5.00
Sunol	....	20.00
Tulare	....	40.00
Weaverville	18.00	19.00
Reno, Nevada	47.67	29.62
Miscellaneous	....	10.00
	$2,301.62	$2,365.76

Miss Widber's Visit

A number of our churches have been greatly enriched in their educational program by the visit of Miss Mildred Widber, Children's Secretary in the Department of Education of the Board of Home Missions. Miss Widber has an exceedingly practical approach to educational problems, and has given herself tirelessly in conducting class after class, a whole institute taking place in a single day under her leadership.

N. W. Pendleton at U. of N.

The Commencement address at the University of Nevada, will be delivered on May 13th, by the Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, editor of *The California Liberator*. Mr. Pendleton will have for his topic, "The American Way and The Day After Tomorrow." On May 11 he is to be the speaker at the Phi Kappa Phi honor society, with the theme: "Economic Experimentation the Way of Economic Salvation."

Word from the Whitakers

A postal from Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, dated at Lintsing, China, January 29, states that the Whitakers are enjoying good health. Mrs. Whitaker had been ill for three weeks last fall but the treatments were prompt and effective. The work is going well. Much time is given to relief work because of the suffering arising out of last summer's floods. The Whitakers wish to be remembered to all of their Northern California friends.

Rev. L. M. Outerbridge Resigns from Mission Council

Word was mailed out from New York a few days ago to the effect that Rev. Leonard M. Outerbridge, Executive Secretary of the Missions Council, has resigned. His many friends are rejoicing that his health is not permenently impaired, but his action was taken under the insistance of his physician.

Mr. Outerbridge came from the staff of the American Boarn to the Missions Council at the time of its formation, following the adoption of the Strategy Committee's report at Holyoke. He has pioneered the new method and organization for promotion. Many very difficult problems have been ironed out. Few men in our fellowship have given themselves more unselfishly and effectively than he. He has traveled widely, speaking at conferences, retreats, and young people's assemblies.

Under his guidance the new form of *The Missionary Herald* was launched. He has reduced the cost of promotion by more than $30,000 a year. To catalogue all of his achievements would take more space than the size of THE PACIFIC would warrant. Mr. Outerbridge's future plans have not been announced, nor has his successor been chosen.

The best wishes of Northern California pastors and of many laymen, who heard him speak at a series of dinners two years ago, will follow him into whatever field of labor he chooses.

Rev. Frederic Vernon Jones

Rev. Frederic Vernon Jones, whose death was reported in the January PACIFIC was born in Massachusets in 1857, the last of 11 children born to the Rev. and Mrs. Eleazer Jones. He took his college work in England, and graduated from Chicago Theological Seminary. He was ordained at Parsons, Kansas, in 1892. In 1899 he was married to Miss Georgietta Goodhue of San Mateo, who survives him. Pastorates were held at San Mateo, California; Reno, Nevada; San Francisco; Portland, Oregon; Ritzville, Washington; and Niles and Lodi, California. Twenty-five years ago he resigned at Lodi on account of ill health, giving up a very useful and brilliant career in the ministry. He returned to Niles and entered the firm of Jones and Ellsworth, Real Estate and Insurance.

For the quarter of a century since his retirement, he has been a pillar of the Niles Church which last Easter honored him with the title of Pastor Emeritus. He has been active in all worth while civic enterprises, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Masonic Order and as a member of the Board of the High School District. He passed away at his home on January 27, 1940, and funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. C. Day. Classes at the high school and grammar school were dismissed, and flags flew at half-mast in his honor.

Some years ago, Mr. Jones served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bay Association, and of the Board of the Northern California Congregational Conference.

He was a man of deep spiritual insight, a fearless fighter for civic righteousness, and a brother beloved in the ministry.

Rev. B. C. H. Washburn

Just before going to press, word reached THE PACIFIC of the death of Rev. Bridelle C. H. Washburn, who had been making her home with friends in Kansas for the last year or two. Further details will appear in the April issue.

OROVILLE. More than 80 people people attended the Ash Wednesday dinner, the first step in a campaign to deepen interest in church life during Lent. Church attendance is being strongly emphasized. Rev. Benjamin Gould is pastor.

MORE NEWS NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY ARMENIAN. The church united with the Park Presidio Church for a Sunday evening service with Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer as guest speaker. The Calvary Church furnished special music. In the same meeting Chinese, Japanese and other nationalities took part. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The "Forward Movement" program is under way and there is reason to believe that the goals of a gain of ten per cent in membership and 25 per cent in attendance will be realized. New hymnals are to be purchased. Three laymen attended the Berkeley conference. Mr. Byron Eshelman is pastor.

ANTIOCH. During the illness of the pastor, Rev. William R. Steininger, the pulpit has been supplied by Miss Mary Coxhead, Rev. John Wright Buckham, Rev. George T. Tolson, and Mr. G. W. MacCracken. The young adults of Antioch were well represented at the spring conference in Oakland, bringing the largest delegation that was present.

EUREKA. In a program of enlistment for church membership, quotas for the Easter ingathering have been suggested: six for the deacons, six for the deaconesses, 10 for the missionary society, five for the ladies' league, 10 for Plymouth Club, and ten for the Sunday school. Rev. C. H. Hudson, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Hudson were in attendance at the pastoral conference.

SANTA CRUZ. Although there were heavy rains, an interested congregation listened to Lloyd L. Lorbeer of India the last Sunday of March. The young people's group served a dinner following the morning service, the proceeds to be used to send delegates to Zephyr Point. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

TULARE. On a recent Sunday the Pilgrim Fellowship took entire charge of the morning service, and carried out their parts with dignity and effectiveness. During Lent the pastor, Rev. A. L. Rice, is preaching a series of sermons on "A Faith Which Inquires."

SAN RAFAEL. A capacity congregation crowded the University of California Bible Club Sunday evening, February 25. The Christian Endeavor has been having splendid meetings and a record attendance. Mr. Merrill Nelson is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Five men were present at the Laymen's Conference. The same evening the church board met and some of the ideas gained during the day were put into practice. Rev. Harvey V. Miller is pastor.

SONOMA. Mr. Dan T. Ruggles attended the inspiring and helpful Laymen's Conference in Berkeley. Rev. R. C. Day of Niles, former pastor, spent a day visiting in the Sonoma Valley recently. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

SARATOGA. Recent improvements include refinishing the parlor, improving the lighting there and in the church chancel, and partitioning the balcony stairs for better heating. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

ADIN. The church has been wired for electricity. The young people's glee club is furnishing music for the morning service during the Lenten season. Rev. A. W. Monosmith is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. Mrs. Jason Noble Pierce is again at home after five weeks in the hospital and is well on the way to recovery. Following her accident she asked people to forego flowers and put the money into phones for deaf in the church auditorium. This, together with the Skewis Sound System, makes a very complete equipment for the church. Dr. Wm. E. Knuth has again been asked to be in charge of music at the Temple of Religion at the Exposition.

An employment bureau has been opened at the office of the church where those desiring positions may register. The Downtown Forum, under the direction of the State and City Boards of Education and the Federal Government, cooperating with the Men's Forum of the church meets every Tuesday evening with speakers on timely topics. "The Seven Last Words" by Dubois will be rendered by the choir and symphony orchestra Wednesday of Holy Week. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Rev. E. A. Lowther alternate in conducting a Sunday morning Bible forum at 9:50.

REDWOOD CITY. Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer spoke at the Kiwanis Club at noon, at the Women's Guild in the afternoon, and at a church supper in the evening and inspired his audiences with the scope and force of his message. The ladies of the church and their friends were guests of the deaconesses at a social afternoon and tea. Six men attended the Laymen's Conference in Berkeley. Included in the number were Charles L. Huyck, who handled publicity for the conference; Peirce Coombes, who was a member of the program committee, and Andrew Spinas, who served as chairman of the Sunday School workers' class. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

RIO VISTA. February 18 was Loyalty Day. After luncheon 24 solicitors followed up letters sent previously, then returned for supper to report that the increased budget was practically assured. A new constitution was adopted at the annual meeting. All bills for the year had been paid and a balance remained in the treasury. The third annual increase in salary for the minister, Rev. Victor H. Morgan, was voted, and a higher benevolence goal adopted. A Bible study class is meeting Wednesday evenings during Lent.

STOCKTON. This is one church in which Sunday School enrollment and attendance are gaining. On a recent Sunday, there were 155 present as compared with 119 for the corresponding Sunday the year before. A new determination to secure a sanctuary and make such alteration to the building as is necessary to provide it, gives promise of early success. The church had five laymen in attendance at the Berkeley conference. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. A retreat at Orinda for young people attending the church membership classes and for young people who are members of the church, is planned for Sunday, March 10. This has become a very fruitful annual event. The church recently entertained President and and Mrs. Albert W. Palmer at one of the regular Lenten dinners. Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE. Rev. Elwood B. Hunter was called for another year and his salary increased. All bills were reported paid as of January 1. A total of more than $3400 was raised for operating expenses and more than $700 for benevolences of various types.

OAKLAND, FIRST. In recognition of Fellowship Week, 150 members of First Church joined with the congregation of Temple Sinai in regular worship service at the synagogue. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach occupied the platform with Rabbi Stern, and spoke of the friendship which has existed between the congregations since 1923, when First Church worshipped in the Jewish synagogue during the erection of its own building. In recognition of the generosity of Temple Sinai in refusing to accept even a minimum of expense money, two identical bronze tablets have been placed in the vestibules of the two churches. Rabbi Stern pointed out that the whole structure of our democracy is based on Jewish-Christian tradition. Following this there was a reception in the church parlors. The presence of refugees from Vienna, a noted doctor and his wife, brought home to all the blessings which we enjoy in this land.

TRINITY COUNTY. Rev. James D. Salmon has resigned his pastorate in Trinity County, to take effect June 30. He has served about seven years. During this time he has been pastor, leader of young people, carpenter (helping to build and repair churches), and friend to hundreds throughout the county. Many expressions of regret because of his resignation are coming to him and to the Conference office. His future plans have not yet been announced, nor have definite steps been taken in securing his successor. Bad road conditions have made it difficult during the past month to minister at Hayfork and Lewiston.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. More than $4800 was raised and expended by the church during 1939. Seventeen new members were added to the roll, all but two on confession of faith, bringing the total number to 290. The average Sunday morning attendance for the entire year was 250, the average at Church School 124, and the average for 36 Sundays in the C.E. was 61. Rev. M. G. Papazian, who will soon see the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination, has announced that about the middle of the current year he will resign the pastorate which he has held nearly 26 years.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A new and attractive leaflet regarding the Children's Project has been published. This splendid work, including weekday religious instruction and summer camp, was cared for with a budget of $723 last year. Special Lenten services have been announced for both morning and evening each Sunday and for Holy Week. The United Church will soon celebrate its tenth anniversary. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton is pastor.

PENNGROVE. A five-piece orchestra leads the singing in the Sunday School. The church and the Sunday School will unite for Easter service. Albert Brians represented the church at the Laymen's Conference at Berkeley and reported in both Cotati and Penngrove the following Sunday. A progressive dinner at four homes, ending up at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Champlin, was enjoyed by the Pilgrim Fellowship last Sunday.

COTATI. In order that the tide of interest in benevolence may be raised, the Ladies' Aid has made mite boxes, with a cent-a-meal minimum as the goal. New members will be received at the Holy Thursday communion service. Sunday School attendance has doubled since January 1, with new teachers and new classes. A member of the Pilgrim Fellowship is superintendent.

FAIRFAX. Rev. Charles L. Mears closed his work at the end of February, and was accorded the honor by the church of being elected Pastor Emeritus. Two hundred and fifty people were present at the farewell service in spite of heavy rain, and more than two hundred messages and letters were received by Mr. and Mrs. Mears, congratulating them on their long service, and expressing something of the affection in which they are held. Mr. Mears has served the churches at Reno, Alameda and Fairfax, in this Conference; the church at La Jolla in southern California; one in Minnesota, and one in Wisconsin, a total of six churches in 48 years. Near to his heart has been the work at San Quentin Prison, where he has ministered once a month. After spending some time in Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Mears will remove to southern California.

LODI, FIRST. The second of a series of very successful youth meetings in the College of Life was concluded with the young people and adults uniting, the young people demonstrating the work done during the weeks of study. The youth of the Methodist Church have actively shared, and Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor of the Congregational Church, has been the leader. The adults of the two churches met under the instruction of Rev. Hugh Hamilton of the Methodist Church. During Lent, Mr. Boone is preaching a series on "Questions Put to Jesus." He is also conducting a pastor's training class. A visitation reaching all members and friends is being conducted.

ALAMEDA. A goodly number of Alameda people attended the reception at Fairfax in honor of Rev. Charles L. Mears, who many years ago was pastor in Alameda. Announcement has been made of an annual roll call service at which all members are expected to be present. The powerful drama, "Mr. District Attorney," was presented in the church on a Sunday evening in February. In presenting the "Forward Movement for 1940" at the Pastoral Conference, Rev. Gail Cleland found that about 25 churches were using the plan to a greater or lesser degree.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. A splendid communion table has been received at Angels Camp, a gift from the Stockton Church, and two pulpit chairs to match are being made. A theatre service is to be held on Good Friday, with the Rev. Noel J. Breed as speaker. The Rev. John G. Dickey, pastor, and his wife spend every Tuesday at Murphy, but they find it difficult to visit Sheep Ranch and White Pine during wet weather on account of bad roads.

PORTERVILLE. The response to special Lenten services is greater than any previous year of the pastorate of Rev. John H. Gregg, the average attendance during February being 216 per Sunday. A beautiful silk American flag has been presented to the church by Rev. John A. Milligan and family in memory of Mrs. Milligan. An appropriate dedicatory service was held Lincoln Sunday.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. George E. Atkinson is preaching on "Men of Jerusalem" during Lent. Judas, Peter, Caiaphas, Herod, Pilate, and Simon the Cross Bearer, are all included. Five services are announced for Easter Sunday.

BERKELEY, PARK. Rev. Tom Watt gave a radio address over KRE's "Morning Watch," and was chaplain for the United War Veterans' Washington Day celebration.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Committees are being formed, under the general chairmanship of Rev. V. V. Loper, which are already making plans for the meeting of the General Council. There will be committees on housing, hospitality, buildings and grounds, public relations, good fellowship, program assistance, and finance. In cooperation with the Trinity Methodist Church, a Berkeley Sunday Evening Club has been launched, at which outstanding speakers will be heard and their message sent over the air by radio. During Lent, in addition to morning and evening services, the pastor conducts a Bible class on Thursday morning and there are midweek Lenten services on Wednesday evenings. Communion will be held on Thursday evening of Holy Week.

RIPON. Youth Week was observed February 4-11. An attractive, colorful mimeographed souvenir folder was published, containing list of officers of the societies and the committee sponsoring the week. The theme was "Christ Challenges You." Young people participated in Sunday morning worship. In the evening a candle-light initiation service was held, and a youth reception for the pastor and his wife. A banquet was given, with Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer as speaker, the Salida young people being guests. There was a skating party and a Valentine party during the week. On the last Sunday night, the young people presented a drama entitled "A Little Leaven." Rev. Robert A. Bentley, the minister, is preaching a series of sermons on The Beatitudes during Lent.

ETNA. Something new took place in Scott Valley during January. A Safari was held, which means that all of the ministers of Siskiyou County came in to Scott Valley for a day, preaching in the various localities after a morning of preparation and lunch together. Following afternoon appointments they gathered at Etna for a potluck dinner and a songfest and a communion service. Rev. C. L. Goodenough is pastor of the Federated Church at Etna, and also at the Congregational Church of Callahan.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The annual meeting showed the church in a strengthened condition. An increase in salary was voted to the pastor, Rev. Pierson Parker. The clinic for parents has been well attended. This church has made an enviable record in 1939 in contributions for China Relief.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. A new activity has been commenced—weekly instruction (from 9 to 4 on Saturdays) in crafts, when young and old may learn to do leather work, metal work, and game making. Mr. Dan Wilson is the Director.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The Executive Meeting of the Federation is held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

A NOTABLE ANNUAL MEETING

250 Or More

The Annual Meeting, held February 15 and 16 in Plymouth Church, Oakland, was interesting and valuable. While the attendance was not quite equal to that of a year ago, yet 250 or more women from all parts of Northern California gathered to hear and take home the messages. The hostess church did everything possible for our comfort and enjoyment, and for the excellence of our entertainment we thank them heartily.

The discussion of changes in the Constitution, which was expected in the first session, was omitted as the Executive Board was not ready to present a report.

Freedom and Power

Rev. H. F. Swartz's address was based on the text, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." His emphasis on that truth which should make us free, as opposed to the knowledge of facts which should make us rich, was especially timely. In the devotional hour Rev. Robert Inglis led us from the thought of the confusion so rampant in the world today to the serenity which we individually may attain. He gave us as encouragement the verse, "God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness, but of power."

Information, Please

A delightful departure from the usual method of presenting the reports of the Association presidents was introduced by Mrs. Scott Haymond, our First Vice-President. She conducted an "Information, Please" program, in which she called upon the different presidents and quizzed them on where their Association was located, how large it was, what the Thank Offering contributions had been, and, best of all, what especial project any of their groups had carried on during the past year. The plan gave a rapid, pointed survey of all the work, and assured equal time to all speakers.

Sacramento (Mrs. H. N. Hobart reporting) had conducted a story telling hour in the Juvenile Delinquency Center. Paradise had a reading group of 20 women who reported 143 books read. Plymouth (Mrs. E. E. Vehrs reporting) conducts a free Baby Clinic with an average of 16 babies weekly and a high of 29 one morning. Upper Bay and Central Association both reported (through Mrs. L. M. Drury and Mrs. M. Pridgen) that the women had worked especially for the care and beautifying of their churches. The Children's Summer Camps, right in their neighborhood, had been one of the especial projects of the Redwood Empire Association (Mrs. G. E. Atkinson reporting). Santa Clara (Mrs. Jeannette Ferris reporting) had had a wide range of activities, from furnishing curtains for Tillotson to sending music to China.

This "Information, Please" plan of presentation could be used effectively by smaller gatherings and for any variety of sujects.

Love God and Thy Neighbor

Discussing arguments for the attitude of the church on industrial affairs, Mr. Frank McCulloch met the objection that the concern of the church is not industrial but spiritual, by reminding us that the commandment to love thy God is complemented by the other to love thy neighbor. The church, he asserted, should get behind measures to further mediation, to educate for true labor leadership, to get rid of racketeers, to assure all men their rights.

Electrifying

The most electrifying statement of the whole two-day meeting was made by Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer in the opening of his address on India. Said he, "Every movement in India is forward." Politically India is moving toward democracy; in education, toward literacy; in religious matters, toward unity; socially toward the breakdown of caste and other divisive customs. Untouchability, he emphasized, goes out when football comes in—which is only one of the benefits from the attention given to athletics in the Pasumalai schools. Toward better standards of living, Pasumalai is helping the peasant to make better clothing, to raise a breed of cattle that give more milk, and to introduce chickens that lay more eggs. The value of the academic training is proven by the fact that of 42 teachers in Government schools, 35 are Christians. The genuineness of the religion they profess is shown by countless statements similar to that of the young man who said, "I want the kind of religion my brother-in-law has."

Rev. V. V. Loper's address brought us back to the thought of freedom, and indicated the price we must pay for liberty; in vigilance, in toleration, in willingness to give up some of our privileges.

A beautiful Communion service conducted by Mrs. Elmer W. Benedict, our Prayer Guild Secretary, closed the sessions.

Pictures

In view of charges that are rather rife at present of the dereliction of the church in matters regarding our Migrant problem, the pictures which Field Secretary Sherman showed of the work of our Christian nurses on the field were heartening. He also showed something of our outstanding interdenominational project in the Chinese Hip Wo School in San Francisco, which has recently moved into its own quarters in the building famous for years in all missionary circles as the home of Donaldina Cameron and her rescue work for Chinese girls.

Evanston Flashes

Supt. Gill pictured the Evanston Meeting to us as a clearing house for ideas and plans along all lines of denominational work. He emphasized the coming meeting of the General Council to be held in Berkeley, August 13-20—an honor and privilege which should have our wholehearted support. He also told us that, even though we must regret the national decrease in benevolence giving, we may rejoice that Northern California still shows an increase.

Guidance and Confidence

Mrs. R. A. Fuller spoke of the importance of small things. As a helpful suggestion for even the smallest of our societies, she urged the appointment of a Friendship Chairman who would welcome newcomers, call on the sick and troubled, and in every way make all feel the genuineness of our friendship for them. She gave us a third great verse: "in quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Over the Top

All the departmental secretaries brought inspiring reports: of a Thank Offering over the top"; of 63 out of 68 Social Welfare quotas filled (better than for several years); of hundreds of books sent to Talladega and Tillotson; of brand new hymnbooks sent to Hayfork, and Christmas gifts to Fort Berthold; and more besides.

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Please Note

Attention is drawn to the fact that Thank Offering services, reported in a recent issue of PACIFIC to be available at the Conference office, have been turned over to the new Thank Offering Secretary of the Federation, Mrs. H. S. Gauthier. All inquiries concerning the Thank Offering should be addressed to her.

What's the Matter?

The father has never missed Church or Sunday School in twenty-three years. The mother has had a perfect record for eleven years. A son has not missed for twelve years. A daughter has been at the morning service every Sunday for eight years.

What's the matter with this family anyway? Don't they ever have company on Sunday to keep them away from Church?

Don't they ever get up tired on Sunday morning?

Don't they belong to any lodges where they get their religion instead of at the Church?

Don't they ever have headaches, or colds, or nervous spells, or tired feelings, or sudden calls out of the city, or weekend parties, or picnics, or any other trouble?

Don't they have a radio so that they can get some good sermons from out-of-town preachers?

Don't they ever get a lot more good out of reading a sermon out of a book?

Don't they ever get disgusted with the social gospel or whatever it is that their minister preaches?

What's the matter with this family, anyway, and why are they so happy and cheerful? We leave it to you to answer.

—From "Church Management."

Ernest A. Evans

PACIFIC readers bow in sympathy for Mrs. Ernest A. Evans of Mill Valley, whose beloved husband has passed into the other room of the Father's house.

LIVING IN TWO WORLDS

A Meditation

When I have departed
this life, my face will be
toward the light and the
future, and all that lies ahead
for God's children,
But I do not want to be
utterly forgotten, nor do
I want to forget all the
dear ties of these days.
Especially do I want the
work of my beloved church
to go forward.
I cannot take my money
with me. Therefore, I will
leave some of it to my church,
or its agencies.
Thus I shall live in two
worlds.

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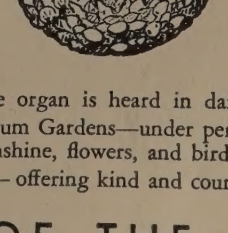

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